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December 10, 2014

Honorable Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary of Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Secretary Dortch,

With 91% of U.S. adults owning cell phones, it's no wonder that the FCC estimates that 70 percent of 911 calls are placed from wireless phones. For that reason, I am writing to urge you to support changes the FCC has proposed that will update the standards for indoor location accuracy of wireless calls to 911.

As vice chair of House Appropriations Committee on Public Safety, I am well aware that a few seconds can mean the difference between life and death. That is why it is imperative that we be able to locate all emergency callers, regardless of whether they're calling from indoors or outdoors.

The FCC estimates that this proposal will save thousands of lives, but the phone companies have proposed an alternative that doesn't address the growing indoor location accuracy crisis.

The technology is available to quickly implement and combat these serious lapses in our emergency framework. Please move forward with the FCC's proposed rule and disregard any weakened proposals.

Sincerely,

Jay Hoffman
State Representative

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